

Ballard County Wildlife Management Area

LOCATION AND FACILITIES

The Ballard County Wildlife Management Area, owned by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, is located in the northwestern portion of Ballard County off Highway 473. The management area lies approximately 3.5 miles north of LaCenter and 2 miles west of Bandana. There are nine lakes on the management area, varying from 20 to 60 acres. Boats may be used on Big Turner, Little Turner, Shelby, Mitchell, Happy Hollow, Burnt Slough, and Butler lakes. Shelby Lake has a handicapped accessible fishing pier.

Lakes on Ballard County Management Area are closed to fishing from October 15 to March 15. Bait should be purchased prior to entering the area. Some lakes may be drawn down periodically for waterfowl management.

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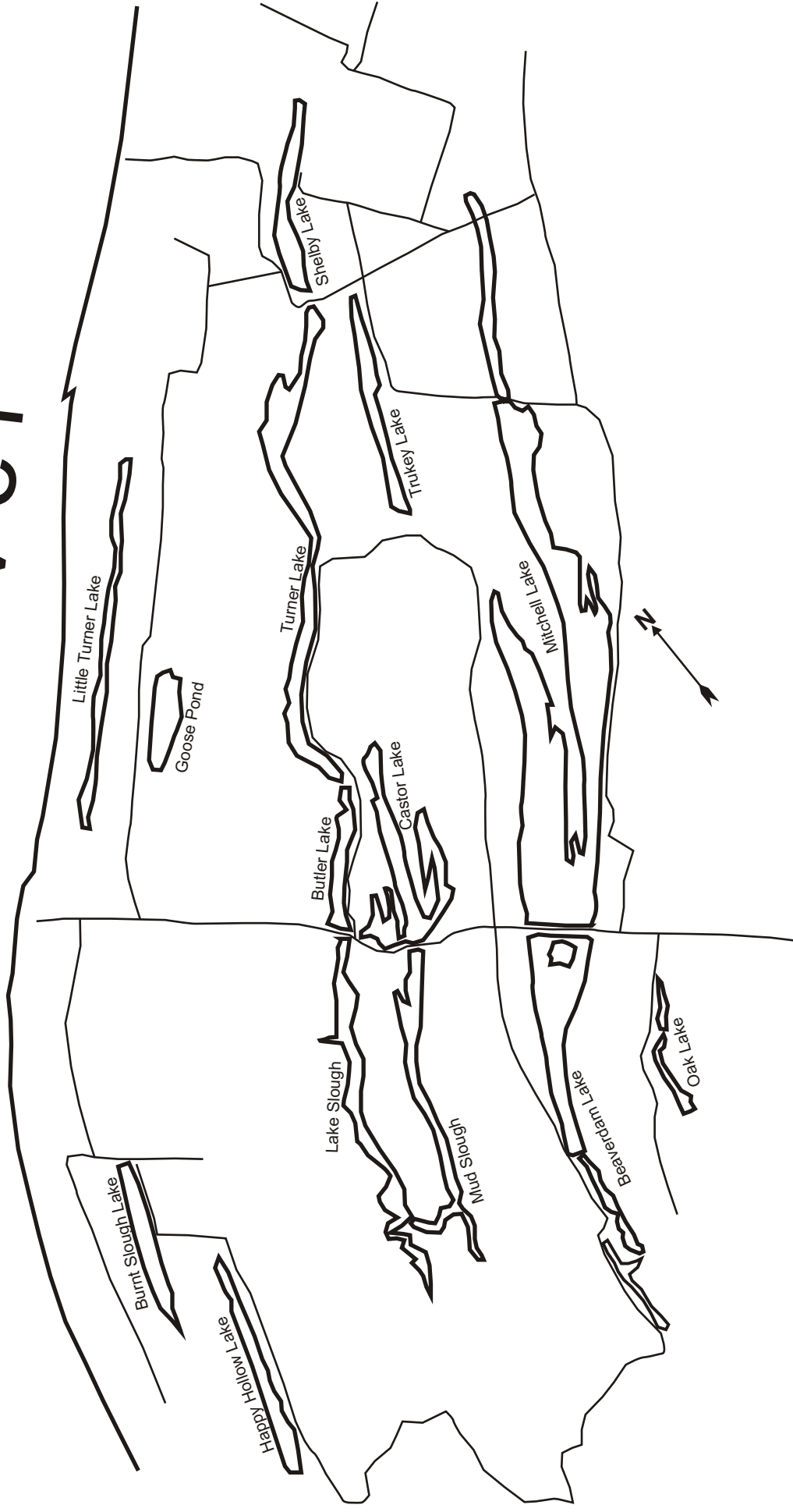
Species present in the area may include white bass, largemouth bass, black crappie, white crappie, bluegill, longear sunfish, and warmouth. Due to these lakes being flooded periodically from backwater from the Ohio River, there is a dense population of underutilized fish species, i.e., carp, buffalofish, bowfin, and drum.



PHYSICAL DATA

Beaver Dam Lake	47 acres
Burnt Slough Lake	18 acres
Butler Lake	40 acres
Castor Lake	30 acres
Happy Hollow Lake	20 acres
Little Turner Lake	16 acres
Mitchell Lake	51 acres
Shelby Lake	37 acres
Turner Lake	60 acres

Ohio River



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